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Castro Elevates Female Diplomat

HAVANA, Oct. 3 (AP) Prime Minister Fidel Castro has appointed a woman as ambassador to Britain replacing Luis Ricardo Alonso who defected last month.

She is Alba Grinan, 39, who has been head of the United Nations department of the Cuban foreign ministry and three times a delegate to U.N. General Assemblies.

Informed sources regarded the appointment of Miss Grinan as a prime example of the theory that the Castro regime is running short of technically capable people it can trust outside the country.